

Ashby de la Zouch Rural District Council

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report is being written at the end of February, 1974 following receipt of Circular CMO 2/74, dated 22nd February, 1974, from the Department of Health and Social Security.

Reference is made therein to the problem posed by the fact that "the vital statistics for inclusion in Reports are not available from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys before April."

It is therefore impossible to report to you with any degree of accuracy on the number of births and deaths, for instance, and any figures mentioned in these connections must be regarded as provisional. Annual rates are not available, and as a matter of fact the whole exercise so far as births and deaths are concerned at this stage is just about futile.

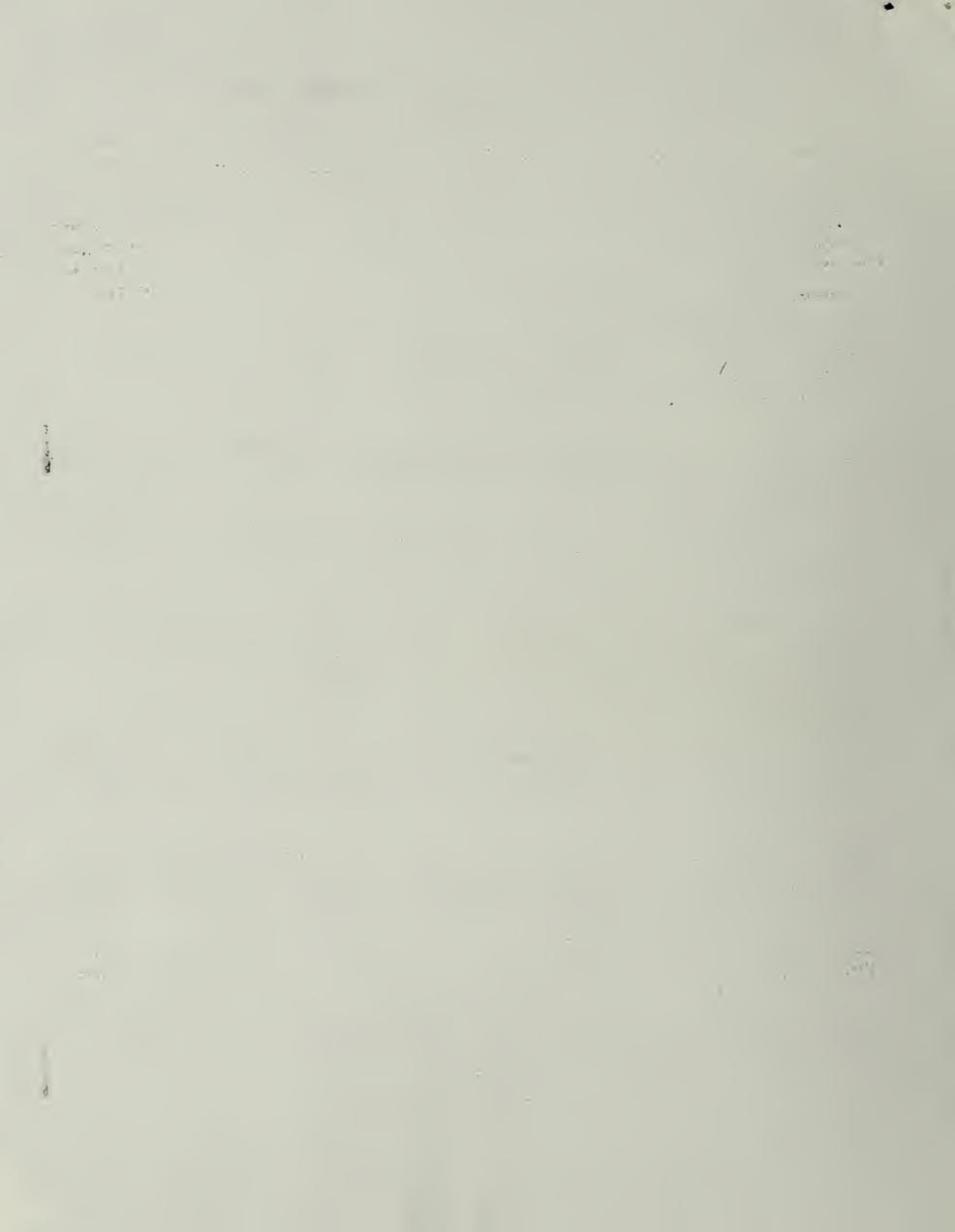
I wish to thank all members of the staff and especially of the Public Health Department for their help and support throughout the year, and to record my appreciation of the courtesy extended to me by the members of the Council.

Great changes in local government are due to take place in a few weeks time and it is to be hoped that they will prove to be wholesome and fruitful.

Your obedient servant,

ANDREW HAMILTON.

Medical Officer of Health.



Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area (in acres).

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).

Number of occupied dwellings.

Number of occupied Council houses.

Rateable Value (1st April, 1973).

Sum represented by a penny rate (Estimated).

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

Only 11 births, 3 boys and 8 girls, were registered as having occurred within the district.

No figures are available at present for births occurring outside the district.

There was one still-birth.

One baby died under 1 year of age (23 hrs).

Deaths.

| | M. | F. | Total. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number registered as occurring within the district. | 48 | 45 | 93 |
| Number of non-residents. | <u>-</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | 48 | 43 | 91 |
| Number registered outside the district (provisional) | <u>38</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>60</u> |
| | 86 | 65 | 151 |

The causes of death were approximately :

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Heart Disease | 58 |
| Cerebral Vascular Lesions. | 25 |
| Diseases of the Lungs | 24 |
| Cancer | 21 |
| Accident | 8 |
| Others | <u>15</u> |
| | 151 |

Infectious Diseases.

12 cases of infectious disease were notified as follows :

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Measles. | 3 males | 5 females |
| Infective Jaundice. | | 1 female |
| Respiratory Tuberculosis. | 3 males | |

Of the last named 2, both in the 15-19 years age group, occurred at Griffydam and the other, in the 55-64 age group, occurred at Moasham.

Meals on Wheels.

32 visits, involving 26 people, were paid during the year to investigate applications for the service. Nearly all were accepted.

National Assistance Acts.

No formal action was found to be necessary.

(4) Water supply from Public Mains:-

(a) No. of parishes with piped water supply:-

(1) from public mains16.....

(2) from private reservoirsNil.....

(b) No. of parishes without a piped supply of water .1 part:- Barton.....

(c) Particulars of any extensions of public water supplies:-

Extensions to water main - McColl's site, Hospital Lane, Ravenstone.

" " " " - Phase 5, Atherstone Gardens, Measham.

" " " " - Browning Drive, Measham.

A new main has been laid from Nottingham Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch to Willesley Reservoir to improve supplies in the Measham Area.

(d) No. of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water2.....


(5) Recent Proposals State progress during year on current schemes:-

(6) Water supply from wells:

| NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR ANALYSIS | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Satisfactory | | Unsatisfactory | |
| Chemical | Bacteriological | Chemical | Bacteriological |
| - | - | - | 1 |

No. of Wells closed7.....

No. of Wells cleansed, etc.7.....



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2. SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

No. of cesspools constructed during the year 5
 No. of cesspools abolished during the year 124
 Total number in district on 31st December, 1973 347
 No. of private sewage treatment plants constructed during year. Nil

Particulars of any extensions of sewers, or improvements during year:-

Coleorton Sewerage Scheme completed. Northington Sewage works enlarged.

During the year 200 houses have been connected to the sewerage system, the majority of them in the Coleorton Area.

No. of parishes with an efficient sewage disposal works 11

No. of parishes where new schemes have been formulated 1

Recent Proposals State progress of new schemes of Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

3. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number of houses in the district on 31st December, 1973

(1) Privies (2) Pail Closets 100... (3) W.C.'s 5000..

No. of closets converted to the water carriage system during year:-

(a) Privies Nil (b) Pails 83

Is a grant made towards the cost of conversion? Yes

What facilities are available for emptying cesspools? Cesspool emptying machine.

What charge is made for emptying cesspools? 75p. for each of first two loads, £1.50p. for subsequent loads.

Pail closets:

(a) Disposal of contents Specially designed beds at sewage works.

(b) Frequency of emptying Weekly.

4. PUBLIC CLEANSING

- (a) Number and type of vehicles employed 2 for loading mechanical compaction.
- (b) Frequency of collection 3 daily.
- (c) Number of dustbins allowed per dwelling-house No limit.
- (d) Is any special scheme for trade refuse in operation, if so give details. No.

Disposal of Household Refuse:-

- (a) No. of controlled tips 1
- (b) No. of crude tips -
- (c) Incineration -
- (d) Possible alternatives, where tipping sites are proving difficult.
- (e) Is co-ordination of the service envisaged with neighbouring districts? (If so, give brief details.)

Yes. The tip is used by Donville L.D.C., Mablethorpe L.D.C. and Gillingham L.D.C. in addition to our own.

5. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading should be for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in this report.

- (a) Total No. of complaints received35.....
- (b) Total No. of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with42.....

| | Number of Inspections |
|---|-----------------------|
| Animal Keeping | 15 |
| Bakehouses | 8 |
| Dairies | 3 |
| Drainage Works | 773 |
| Dwelling-houses (all purposes) | 627 |
| Infectious Diseases Inquiries | 21 |
| Food Poisoning Inquiries | - |
| Food Premises | 272 |
| Offensive Trades | - |
| Refuse Collection and Disposal | 382 |
| Rodent Control (Excluding Rodent Operator visits) | 8 |
| Schools | - |
| Shops and Offices | 167 |
| Slaughter-houses & Meat Inspection | 75 |
| Smoke Control | - |
| Verminous and Dirty Premises | 1 |
| Caravans, etc. | 31 |
| Water Supplies | 11 |
| Factories and Workplaces | 59 |
| Other Inspections | 217 |
| TOTAL | 3485 |

| INFORMAL | HOUSING | PUBLIC HEALTH |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Outstanding on 1st January | - | 22 |
| Issued during year | - | 15 |
| Complied with during year | - | 12 |
| Outstanding 31st December | - | 25 |

| STATUTORY | HOUSING | PUBLIC HEALTH |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Outstanding on 1st January | - | 2 |
| Issued during year | - | 2 |
| Complied with during year | - | 4 |
| Outstanding 31st December | - | - |

SUMMARY ACTION

| No. of Summonses Issued | No. of Convictions Obtained |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Housing-..... | Housing-..... |
| Public Health, etc.-..... | Public Health, etc.-..... |

Brief details of successful summary action:-

| Class of premises | Total number on Register | Number of inspections | Accidents reported | Contraventions | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Found | Remedied | Outstanding 31st Dec. |
| Offices | 14 | 29 | 1 | 10 | 6 | 5 |
| Retail Shops | 28 | 91 | 1 | 11 | 10 | 7 |
| Wholesale Shops, warehouses | 7 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Catering, estab. open to the public, canteens | 4 | 23 | - | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Fuel Storage depots | 3 | 6 | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 56 | 163 | 3 | 28 | 23 | 15 |

Brief notes on any accidents reported, unusual problems, prosecutions, etc.

Three accidents were reported during the year. They were not of a serious nature and occurred in an office, shop and warehouse respectively. There were no contraventions of the Act in these cases.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

- (a) Number of premises licensed5.....
- (b) Number of inspections15.....
- (c)

10. Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act, 1960

No. of Site Licences issued:-

(a) Individual vans 29
 (b) More than 2 vans -

Action taken -

11.

REGULATED BUILDINGS

| Regulated Buildings | No. in District | No. of Inspections | Action taken | General Conditions |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Common Lodging Houses | - | - | - | - |
| Canal Boats | - | - | - | - |
| Offensive Trades | - | - | - | - |

12.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Particulars of action taken:-

No. of council houses infested 1
 No. of other dwelling houses found infested -
 No. of houses disinfested 1

13.

THE PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

(1) No. of premises licensed. -
 (2) No. of inspections -
 Details of any contraventions -

14. RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

- (1) No. of premises registered for upholstering, etc. 751
- (2) No. of premises licensed for
- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Manufacture | (b) Storage of rag flock |
| No. of samples taken | |

15. (a) FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

- | | | |
|--|-------|-----|
| 1. (a) Number of premises inspected | | 159 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. | ..... | 205 |
| (c) Number of Informal Notices served | ..... | 37 |
| (d) Number of Informal Notices complied with .. | ..... | 3 |
| (e) Number of Informal Notices outstanding 31st Dec. | ..... | 37 |
| (f) Number of Formal Notices served | ..... | 1 |
| (g) Number of Formal Notices complied with .. | ..... | 351 |
| (h) Number of Formal Notices outstanding 31st Dec. | ..... | 351 |

2. Particulars of any summary action taken: -

15. (b) FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 1966

- | | | |
|--|-------|-----|
| (1) Stallholders complying with the Regulations | | 9 |
| (2) Stallholders exempted | ..... | 351 |
| (3) Delivery Vehicles complying with Regulations | ..... | 9 |
| (4) Delivery Vehicles exempted | ..... | 351 |
| (5) Brief details of any problems encountered:- | | |

16. CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

- (a) Brief particulars of any action taken in connection with Smoke Control Orders. -
- (b) Any future proposals -
- (c) Recording stations in the district -

17. NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Particulars of any action taken during the year

7 result of any formal and informal action taken.

18. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Number of Infestations dealt with 825

Number of inspections (a) By Public Health Inspectors 9

(if known) (b) By Rodent Operators 1231

Staff employed for these duties:

1 man.

19. SCHOOLS

Particulars of any action taken in connection with Schools.

20. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No. in area -

(a) Publicly owned (b) Privately owned

No. of inspections 7

Any action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water including number of samples collected and results.

21. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

ICE-CREAM

No. of premises registered:-

(a) Manufacture and retail 111

(b) Manufacture only 111

(c) Retail only 75

No. of samples 34 Results:

Grade 1 25

Grade 2 5

Grade 3 1

Grade 4 3

MILK SUPPLY

DAIRIES (other than dairy farms) and DISTRIBUTORS (Section 8 Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959)

| No. on register | No. of Inspections | No. of contraventions | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| | | Found | Remedied | Outstanding on 31st Dec |
| DAIRIES Mil | - | - | - | - |
| DISTRIBUTORS 1 | 4 | - | - | - |

Biological Milk Samples

| No. of routine bulk samples taken | Results of Biological Examination | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Satisfactory | Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli | Evidence of Brucella Abortus |
| 20 | 20 | - | - |

Number of Individual Samples taken following a positive Brucella Abortus report on a routine sample:-

Particulars of any action taken in cases where there was evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli or Brucella Abortus:-

Bacteriological Milk Sampling

| CLASS | No. of Samples | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Designation "Unreated" | | | |
| "Pasteurised" | 20 | 25 | 3 |
| "Sterilised" | | | |
| "H.H.T." | | | |

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES

A. HOUSES DESTROYED

| In Clearance Areas | Date of Destruction | Estimated Living Year | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| | | Persons | Families |
| (1) Houses unfit for human habitation | | | |
| (2) Houses excluded by reason of bad air, dampness, etc. | | | |
| (3) Houses on land acquired under Section 13 (2) Housing Act, 1957 | | | |
| Not in Clearance Areas | | | |
| (4) As a result of formal or informal proceedings under Section 17 (10) Housing Act, 1957 | | 11 | 3 |
| (5) Local authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health | | | |
| (6) Houses unfit for human habitation where no action has been taken under Housing Act | | | |
| (7) Unfit houses declared in Unfitness Orders | | | |
| B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED | Number | | |
| (8) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 25 (1) Housing Act, 1957 | | | |
| (9) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 | | | |
| (10) Part of buildings closed under Section 26 Housing Act, 1957 | | | |

C. UNFIT HOUSES AND FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

| | By Council | By Local Authority |
|---|------------|--------------------|
| (11) After remedial action by local authority | | |
| (12) After remedial action under (a) Public Health Acts, 1875 and 1902 and 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957 | | |
| (13) Under Section 26 Housing Act, 1957 | | |

D. UNFIT HOUSES NOT IN USE (Housing Act, 1957)

| Position at | Number of Houses | Number of Persons |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| (14) Retained for use as accommodation | | |
| (a) For use as accommodation | 18 | ..... |
| (b) For use as accommodation | 17 (18) | ..... |
| (15) Let for use as accommodation and for other use | | |

E. PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT

| (16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased in the year. | Number of houses | Number of occupants of houses in column (1) |
|--|------------------|---|
| | (1) | (2) |
| | | |

F. HOUSING SUMMARY

| | |
|---|----------------|
| (a) Total number of occupied houses in district |5418..... |
| (b) Total number of Council Houses occupied in district |1399..... |

G. HOUSING ACTS, 1949-1969

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

| | |
|---|---------------|
| (a) What percentage grant of the approved cost does the council make towards reconditioning and improvements under the Acts |50%..... |
| (b) Number of applications for grants received during year |29..... |
| (1) From owner/occupiers |22..... |
| (2) Owners of rented property |5..... |
| (c) Number of applications approved |23..... |
| (d) Number of applications refused |2..... |
| (e) Number of houses improved during the year |17..... |

STANDARD GRANTS

| | |
|--|--------------|
| (a) Number of applications received for standard grants from:- | |
| (1) Owner/occupiers |39..... |
| (2) Owners of rented property |4..... |
| (b) Number of applications approved |36..... |
| (c) Number of applications refused |-..... |
| (d) Number of properties improved during the year |35..... |

QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

| | |
|---|-------------|
| (a) Number of applications for Qualification Certificates |3..... |
| (b) Certificates issued |6..... |
| (c) Provisional Certificates issued |-..... |
| (d) Applications deferred (pending repairs) |-..... |
| (e) Applications refused |-..... |

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS

| | |
|--|-----------|
| (a) Number of areas completed during the year. | Nil |
| (b) Total number of houses involved. | Nil |
| (c) Number of houses improved. | Nil |
| (d) Number of areas scheduled during the year. | Nil |
| (e) Total number of houses involved. | Nil |

24. STAFF

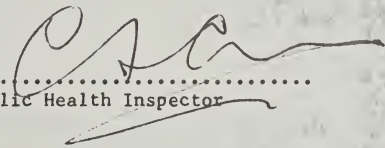
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|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Number of Staff | (a) Qualified | 3 .. |
| | (b) Unqualified | - .. |
| | (c) Clerical | 3 .. |

Has staff been increased or decreased during year, if so how? No

Is present staff considered adequate for proper performance of all duties?

Yes

DATE .. 21st Feby: 1974


Public Health Inspector

